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Hill View Women's Institute

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Front row (left to right): Eileen MacNaughton; Nina Newton; Rita Ghey (President); Micheline McRae; Claudia Peterson (Past President); Christina MacKinnon; Eleanor Willis. Back row (left to right): Jean Anderson; Jean Morrison; Jean Lothian; Asenath McGibbon (Secretary); Pauline Newton; Mary Fulton (Treasurer); Mary MacCaskill; Margaret Kerr; Marion MacDonald (charter member); Seona Serbey; Winnie MacLennan; Margaret Newton.

Hill View W.I.: still going strong

Submitted by
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HILL VIEW — December
6, 1955 marked the

beginning of the Hill View Women's Institute branch. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Allan Renwick.

Mrs. Carl Ryan, the District President, was present to explain the objectives of the Women's Institute and presided over the elections of officers, which were as follows:

Mrs. Leslie Nixon, President; Mrs. George Barton, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Atchison Barton, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Donald McCaskill, District Director. Conveners: Mrs. Arthur McDonald, Historical Research; Mrs. Melvin McRae, Canadian Industries; Mrs. John Barton, Citizenship and Education; Mrs. Stanley McLaurin, Community Activities; Mrs. Allan Renwick and Mrs. John N. McRae, Auditors; Mrs. Allan Renwick, Press Secretary.

Thirteen ladies joined at that time and meetings were scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month.

In 1955, a fundraising dance was held at McCrimmon.

Over the years, we have sponsored 4-H clubs, attended Senior Training Schools, exhibited at the Vankleek Hill fairs and helped cater to fair meals, participated in quilting bees, and been educated by public speakers on many topics.

In 1967, to mark Canada's centennial, all ladies were beautifully attired in period costumes.

The 25th anniversary of our own branch was in 1980.

We have entertained many groups over the years and organized activities too numerous to mention.

We donate to charities annually as well as supporting Women's Institute.

In 1997, we have 22 members and are still going strong. Many of our members have received their life memberships.

We welcome anyone who would like to join our group.

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Claudia Peterson

The program for the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute of Ontario was sent from headquarters in Guelph, for all branches to celebrate across Canada on February 19, 1997.

The Hill View branch met to celebrate at Trinity United Church Hall in Vankleek Hill. Twenty

members, their friends and special guests meant about 60 people enjoyed a meeting at the church hall.

President Rita Ghey closed the celebration with O Canada. Everyone was warmly thanked. If you would like to join the Hill View Women's Institute, please call 613-525-5108 or 613-678-2985.